

COUNTRY East Germany SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT 25X1

TOPIC Military Information from the Koenigsbrueck Troop Training Grounds

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED
Information

1. Between 29 March and 17 April 1953, no troops were loaded or unloaded at the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds. Schwepnitz, Schmorkau, Steinborn and Bohra were occupied by troops. The summer camp east of Zeisholz was vacant. individual firing 25X1
- by artillery and tanks and, in some instances, firing by AAA at the troop training grounds. Sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia stood at the perimeter of Naundorf during the firing practices. 25X1
2. On 6 April, the Heeres-Nachrichtenschule at Koenigsbrueck was occupied by about 2,400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery motor transport or signal insignia. Some soldiers wore black-bordered black epaulets. Vehicle was seen at the installation. On 6 April, 14 tractors 25X1
- entered the Heeres-Nachrichtenschule. 2
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4. On 10 March, 12 x 76-mm AA guns and 18 trucks from Neues Lager were loaded at the Koenigsbrueck railroad station. 25X1
- On 11 March, an undetermined number of 76-mm AA guns and trucks were loaded on two trains at the Koenigsbrueck railroad station. 25X1
- The trains left toward 25X1

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Leipzig-Eilenburg.⁴ On 19 March, numerous 37-mm AA guns and trucks were unloaded at the Koenigsbrueck railroad station from a train which came from the direction of Chemnitz. The trucks and AA guns drove toward Neues Lager.⁵

5. On the afternoon of 24 March, a column of 12 trucks, [redacted] and 6 x 76-mm field guns passed through Koenigsbrueck. The column came from the direction of Neues Lager and marched toward Dresden. On the evening of 15 March, 12 x 100-mm AT guns and 16 trucks [redacted] were loaded at the Koenigsbrueck railroad station. On the afternoon of 17 March, military personnel, including women soldiers, 12 x 100-mm A guns and 28 trucks were loaded on a train of 20 boxcars and 30 flatcars with side-racks. On 17 March, 3 JS-3 tanks and 2 JS-2 tanks were loaded at the Ottendorf-Okrilla railroad station. [redacted] a camp for tank troops was established on Keulenberg Hill south of Graefenhain. The soldiers were quartered in tents. A similar camp was observed at Lausnitz Heath.⁶

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1. Comment. [redacted] numerous rail shipments of the 11th Gds Tank Div and 8th Gds Mecz Div [redacted] on and after 11 April 1953, left their posts toward Koenigsbrueck and were unloaded in the Schwepnitz area. The kind of occupation of the summer camps in this area, [redacted], is indicative of the arrival of troops for summer training.

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2. Comment. Regiments of the 11th Gds Tank Div stationed at the Heeres Nachrichtenschule, Koenigsbrueck, include: the 270th Gds Mort Regt, probably the 1018th AAA Regt, and the 44th Gds Tank Regt.

3. Comment. [redacted] confirms the 44th Gds Tank Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div in Koenigsbrueck until 8 December 1952. [redacted] belongs to an unidentified unit, probably of the 11th Gds Tank Div, which has been engaged in field exercises in this area since January 1953.

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4. Comment. These two troop trains of the 4th Gds AAA Div went to Wustrow, [redacted].

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5. Comment. [redacted] on 24 March 1953, the same unit, which belongs to the 6th Gds AAA Div [redacted] returned to Chemnitz.

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6. Comment. The [redacted] camps for tank troops is connected with the field exercises of an unidentified unit of the 11th Gds Tank Div mentioned in [redacted] Comment 3.

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